



The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
117th Annual Meeting
Atlanta, Georgia
February 26-28, 2026

Call for Papers – Philosophy Program

SSPP meetings feature concurrent programs in Philosophy and Psychology, as well as plenary sessions jointly sponsored by the Philosophy and Psychology Program Committees. The deadline for all philosophy submissions is **November 10, 2025**.

:: Philosophy Keynote Speakers ::

Roberta Millstein
(University of California, Davis)

Muhammad Ali Khalidi
(CUNY Graduate Center)

President's Invited Address:

President: **Kristin Andrews** (CUNY Graduate Center & York University)

Elisabeth Camp (Rutgers University)

[Joint Session]

President's Invited Symposium:

Celebrating Frans De Waal's Contributions to Psychology & Philosophy

[Joint Session]

:: Invited Symposia ::

Belief, Acceptance, and Credence

Featuring:

Neil Van Leeuwen (Florida State University)

Laura Soter (York University)

Mark Boespflug (Fort Lewis College)

Philosophy of Animal Minds

Deep South Philosophy and Neuroscience

[Joint Session]

:: Author-Meets-Critics ::

Kenneth Aizawa (Rutgers University, Newark)

Compositional Abduction and Scientific Interpretation

Featuring:

Kevin McCain (University of Alabama, Birmingham)

David Barack (University of Pennsylvania)



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The Philosophy Program Committee encourages the submission of individual papers or symposium proposals:

- **Paper submissions** exceeding 3,000 words will not be considered. Each paper submission must include a word count and abstract of no more than 150 words. Papers must be prepared for anonymous review. Papers will be assigned a commentator. Presentations should be 20-25 minutes, comments no more than 10 minutes, leaving around 10-15 minutes for Q&A.
- **Proposals for symposia** must include a 750 word proposal for the symposium, a list of 3, 4 or 5 presenters and affiliations, including a chair for the session, and a short abstract (around 150 words) for each proposed paper. Symposia are 2 hours and 25 minutes divided among the speakers.

Selection will be based on quality, relevance to issues at the intersection of Philosophy and Psychology (as well as other sciences of the mind), and program considerations. The aim is to present a program that is as balanced as the quality of submissions in each area will allow (though papers addressing issues of gender, race, sexuality, bias, and social exclusion are especially encouraged). All papers and proposals must employ gender-neutral language.

Authors should also indicate whether they wish to be considered for a Graduate Student Grant or the Griffith Award:

- **Graduate Student Grants:** Up to six grants (up to three in philosophy and up to three in psychology) will be awarded to graduate students whose papers are accepted for the upcoming program. Students can apply for these grants simply by indicating their eligibility on their SSPP submission form. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must: (a) be a member or applicant for membership in SSPP; (b) be a graduate student in a doctoral program in philosophy or psychology; and (c) be either the sole or joint authors of the paper or abstract they submit. The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis by the Program Committee of each discipline, whose chair will notify recipients at the same time they are sent their acceptance notices for the program. (Awards are decided based primarily on the quality of the submitted paper, rather than distance traveled.) Each award comes with a \$300 cash prize.
- **Griffith Awards:** Each year during the SSPP Annual Meeting, two papers (one in philosophy, one in psychology) are given special recognition with the Richard M. Griffith Memorial Awards. Griffith Award winners each receive \$500. For details and eligibility see:
<https://www.southernsociety.org/GriffithAward/>

[Submit your Paper or Proposal HERE](#)
(PDFs only)

Questions? Want to volunteer to be a chair or commentator only? Contact the Philosophy Program Co-Chairs:

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- **Simon Fitzpatrick** (sfitzpatrick@jcu.edu)